

NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Status of the Claims

1. This action is in response to a decision by the Board of Appeals and Interferences dated 17 February 2010.

2. The previous rejections in the Office Action dated 22 December 2006 are withdrawn in view of the decision. This action is further in response to an interview between the examiner and Mr. Bret Field during which the examiner's amendment presented below was agreed upon.

3. Claims 1-13 and 21-25 are in condition for allowance.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

5. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Bret Field on 18 February 2010.

6. Cancel Claims 14-20 and 26-28.

Conclusion

7. Claims 1-13 and 21-25 are allowed.
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert T. Crow whose telephone number is (571)272-1113. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave T. Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-0731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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